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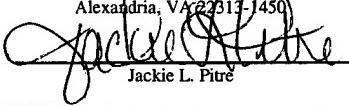
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Sir:

Please accept the following response to the Office action mailed August 18, 2003.

A. Pending Claims

Claims 1-36, 39, 173, and 174 are pending.

B. Double Patenting

The Examiner rejected or provisionally rejected the claims of the present application over: U.S. Patent No. 6,602,702; U.S. Patent No. 6,680,206; and U.S. Patent Application No. 10/427,744. Applicant does not believe that a terminal disclaimer is necessary for the present application, but in the interest of expediency, a terminal disclaimer over the above noted patents

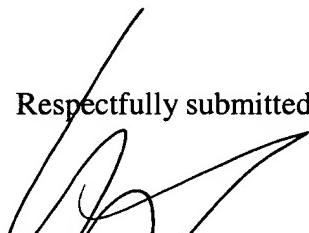
and patent application has been submitted.

C. Additional Comments

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

A Fee Authorization for the terminal disclaimer fee is enclosed. If any extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time. If any additional fees are required or if any fees have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5119-00501/EBM.

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